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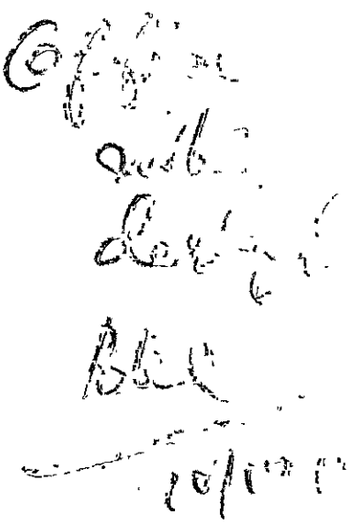


CORRESPONDENCE.

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to

the Agent to the Governor General for the Gujarat States and Resident at Baroda,
the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General in Central India,
the Hon'ble the Agent to the Governor General in Rajputana,
the Hon'ble the Resident at Hyderabad,
the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,

for information.

By order, etc.,

Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

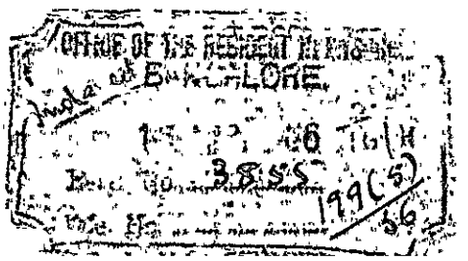
Foreign and Political Department,

New Delhi,

The April 1936.

Letter from the Government of India in the Home Department to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Aden

No. F.19/1/36-Judicial, dated the 21st March 1936, with enclosure.



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Government of India.

Home Department.

From

J.A. Thorne, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Additional Joint Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

Coorg
Delhi
A. & N. Islands.

the Chief Commissioner of Aden.

New Delhi, the 21st March 1930.

Subject:- Question and answer in the Legislative Assembly regarding the prohibition of drunkenness for drivers at the time of driving motor vehicles.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for your information and for such action as you may consider necessary a copy of the question and answer mentioned above.

I have, etc.,

Sd. J.A. Thorne,

Additional Joint Secy. to the Govt. of India.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Question No. 886.

886. * Mr. Sham Lal: Will Government be pleased to state:

a. Whether it is a fact that one of the main causes of serious motor accidents is the drunkenness of drivers in several cases;

b. Whether there is in the centrally administered areas any prohibition of drunkenness for driving in their licences at the time of driving motor vehicles; and

c. If not, whether Government intend to take any action in the matter?

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The Honourable Sir Henry Craik:- a. I have statistics on the point, but obviously if the driver of a motor vehicle is drunk, he is more liable to accident.

b. Under the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1914, reckless or negligent driving is a criminal offence. Also any local Government (a term which includes the Governments of the centrally administered areas) may in its discretion cancel or suspend any licence granted under the Act or declare any person disqualified permanently or temporarily for obtaining a licence under the Act. These powers can also be exercised up to a period of one year by any court which convicts of a motoring offence. In addition, the rules of some administrations (e.g. Baroda Cantonment, Central India Agency and Hyderabad administered areas and Andamans) specifically prohibit drunkenness during employment. The rules for Quetta town and cantonment provide for the forfeiture of the motor-taxi driver's licence if he is found drunk during employment and the Delhi rules require from an applicant for a licence to drive a public motor vehicle or a heavy motor vehicle a medical certificate as to whether he shows any signs of being addicted to the excessive use of alcohol or drugs.

c. The power to make Rules under section 11 of the Act vests in the local Governments; but I have no objection to sending to them the copies of this question and my reply.

THE OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, the 24th April 1936.

No. F.166(5)-36/R.O.II.

A copy of the undermentioned paper(s) is forwarded to the

Collector and District Magistrate,
Commissioner of Police,
President, Municipal Commission,

Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, for ~~favour of~~ such action as he may consider necessary.

~~for information~~, in continuation of / with reference to ~~the correspondence ending with (his)~~

Memorandum / letter / endorsement ~~from~~

~~No.~~ ~~, dated the~~

By order, etc.,

~~Secretary~~ / Asst. Secy. to the Resident in Mysore.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.

No. 750/MV/36. Dated 29th June 193

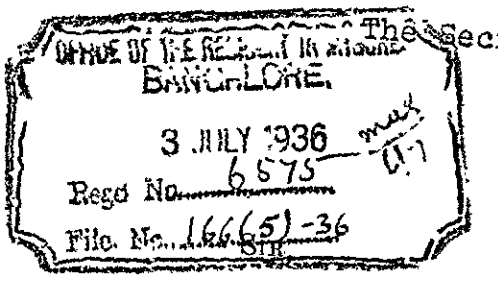
FROM

R. S. Milton, Esquire, I.P.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION,
BANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
BANGALORE.



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Reference:- Your Endorsement No. F. 166(5)36/R.O.II dated 24th April 1936 from the Assistant Secretary to the Resident, Bangalore.

No cases of accident due to drunkenness have occurred in recent years. There already exists a Municipal bye-law, No. 20 - I 1(a) -, which prohibits an intoxicated person from driving or being in charge of a motor vehicle.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. S. Milton

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

29.6.36.